(c) and (d). For the month of November, 1991, the allocations of rice, wheat, imported edible oil and levy sugar were maintained more or less at the same levels as in the month of October, 1991. the Central government has made an advance allocation of 26,000 tonnes of rice to the State of Tamil Nadu in the month of December, 1991 in addition to the monthly allocation of 65,000 tonnes for December, 1991, taking into consideration among other factors, the effects of the recent cyclone.

[*Translation*]

Reservation of Posts for Rural People in IAS

4341. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to reserve 15 per cent of the posts in the Indian Administrative Service for the people of rural regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Such reservation based on region will not be constitutionally valid.

[English]

Visit of CBI Officers to Foreign Countries

4342 SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officers of Central Bureau of Investigation visited foreign countries during the years 1989, 1990 and upto November 1991 for investigating the cases registered in India;

(b) the number of cases which were investigated and in how many cases conviction was obtained; and

(c) how much foreign exchange was spent on their visits, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) 14, 25 and 18 officers of Central Bureau of Investigation visited foreign countries during 1989, 1990 and upto November, 1991 respectively for investigating cases registered in India.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Expenditure incurred in foreign exchange during the years 1989, 1990 and upto November, 1991 was US $ 8423, 18932 and 11219 respectively.

Import and production of Rifampicin

4343. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the installed capacity for the production of Rifampicin in the country and the estimated demand;

(b) the particulars of the Rifampicin manufacturers in the country;

(c) the quantity of Rifampicin imported during the last three years, years-wise,

(d) the quantity of Rifampicin actually produced during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the retail price of Rifampicin as on 1st April in the years, 1989, 1990 and 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The installed capacity of Rifampicin in the organised sector is 175 MT and estimated demand is 205 MT during 1991-92.

(b) The Rifampicin manufacturers are (i) M/s. Lupin Labs. Ltd. (ii) Biochem Synergy Ltd and (iii) Themis Chemicals Ltd.,

(c) To the extent information is available the import of Rifampicin during 1988-89 was 11.43 MT.

(d) To the extent information is available, the quantity of Rifampicin produced during the last three years is as under:-

1.	1988-89	-	73.66 MT
2.	1989-90	-	40.13 MT
3.	1990-91	-	87.49 MT

(e) The Price of rifampicin as on 1st April, 1989, 1990 and 1991 was Rs. 2500/ kg., Rs. 3500/k. and Rs. 3850 kg. respectively.

Consumer Cooperatives in A.P.

4344. *SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY*: Will *the PRIME MINISTER* be pleased to state :

(a) the number of consumer co-operatives in urban areas established during the year 1991-92 in Andhra Pradesh and the target for 1992-93;

(b) whether the Nodal Agency, NCDC, has provided margin money to the above co-operatives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Cooperation is a State subject. Information has been called for from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and it is awaited.

(b) to (d). NCDC is providing assistance under Rural Consumer Scheme of Margin Money Assistance on project basis to a lead society having 20-25 link societies. The details of margin money provided by NCDC to co-operatives in Andhra Pradesh is furnished below in Statement.

STATEMENT

Details of funds provided by NCDC under Rural Consumer Scheme during 1991-92

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	I. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for providing margin money assistance to village societies for undertaking distribution of consumer articles in rural areas	*Amount provided as Margin Money*
A.		
i)	18 Village Societies attached to Anantapur Cooperative Central Stores Ltd (Lead Society), Distt. Anantapur.	2.40*